



Frampton on Severn
Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

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Rescue 1 has launched

Welcome to the October newsletter.

Please send any articles for the November edition to support@fosscc.org.uk by 13th November.

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Commodore's comment

I am pleased to report that the Blue/Green algae is receding and the regular sailing area of the lake is almost free of floating weed. The regular Thursday work party is slowly clearing the remainder of the weed deposited on the banks during the recent major floating weed clearance by Aquaclear. The water level of the lake has also held up well this year, the height currently being recorded as 10.20m. This means that you still have opportunities to go and have a sail before the Winter weather sets in.



Those of you who use Facebook will have seen a picture of the new Whally rescue boat out on the water, the white Dory having now been officially retired after approximately 30 years of service. When you first get the opportunity to drive this new rescue boat, please be aware that its handling characteristics are slightly different to those of the other power boats, so before you attempt any rescues, please spend a few minutes familiarising yourself with its behaviour. (Patricia was keen that it be referred to "Rescue 1" when using the radio, but I have already heard "Wally" being used on a number of occasions).

The regular Thursday Work Party has commenced its weekly get together and will be tackling a variety of maintenance tasks during the Winter period. If you do find yourself at a loose end on a Thursday, please do feel free to come down and join us between 09:30 and 15:00, you will find as much social as work activities going on.

This past Saturday saw the completion of Sailability activities for the 2021 season. There was no wind on the day so on water activities were limited to the use of power boats. The day was rounded off with an end of season BBQ which David Greenfield had organised. If you would be interested in helping out at Sailability next year (which can also include junior members using the time for the volunteering activity for Duke of Edinburgh's award) then please contact David Greenfield.

In November the club will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 17th, information regarding this event will be distributed to the membership in early November. We are currently looking for volunteers to come forward and offer to help with the following:

- A person (or persons) who would be willing to come along to FOSSC on an ad-hoc basis to provide introduction interviews to potential new members. Lorraine is the

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- membership secretary, but her current work commitments are making it difficult for her to fulfill this part of the overall membership role.
- A person who could take on the role of Safeguarding officer for junior members. This is not a demanding role but is a requirement for the club to have a named individual
 - Honorary Secretary. Andy Crofts has fulfilled this role for the past seven years and is now looking for a replacement person to step into his shoes.
 - Vice Commodore. I will be stepping down as Commodore at the next AGM (to become Rear Commodore) and Tony Heming will be taking on the role. Tony has been the Vice Commodore for the last four years and is looking for an individual to support him going forwards.
 - Social Committee person. For many years, this has been an individual but the committee feel that this would be more suited to a small group of people who could share the role. Increasing the number and level of social activities within the club is something that the committee is very keen on promoting.

If you are willing to consider any of these positions or would like more information, please contact either Andy Crofts, Tony Heming or myself.

David Coates.

Commodore.

Sailing Matters!

Due to work commitments, I'm writing this article a couple of weeks early, so I don't really know what is going on in the middle of October! What I do know is that it's been great to see some of our junior members continuing racing in the added Junior Autumn series. They are on the same course at the same time as the club race, but with a separate start – a great way to get more involved.

The final series of the club championship is scheduled for 31 October and it looks like it will be a tight contest between Mike Crowley and Pete Dalton to see who will be crowned Club Champion. This is the closest contest for quite a few years so it would be great to get as many people racing as possible, even if it is just for one or two of the three races. Just don't forget that because the clocks will have changed, first race starts at 11am.

I'm beginning to look at the programme for next season and will let you know some details in the November newsletter.

That's it for now!
Rhonwen James
Sailing Secretary

GUIDANCE ON USE OF E5 PETROL AT FOSSC

Yacht magazines advise that outboards with carburettors use E5 petrol rather than move to the E10 petrol as the increased bio-ethanol absorbs water that allows algae formation blocking jets. There would be the same issue with our lawnmowers.

Fromebridge Service station now only sells E10 petrol, therefore the next service station to collect E5 petrol is Shell on the road to Stonehouse or Texaco in Stonehouse. The Commodore and Bosun hold fuel cards plus there are fuel cards in the safe to purchase fuel. (committee members have the code to access the safe).

The major problems occur if fuel is stored longer than a month therefore suggest :-

- 1) We limit the number of red plastic tanks in use to say three and only have a max of two jerry cans full during the quiet winter period after rescue boat training.

2) At the end of the day's use all engines to have their fuel lines disconnected and allowed to run until the engine stops to empty the carburettor & float chamber of fuel. This is more important with the Wheelyboat, Committee boat and the 9.9 hp / 4 hp engines that may sit out of use for long periods.

3) The large red plastic tanks have been taken out of service completely (as the fuel stays in the tank way beyond a month) and will ensure we have 8 + serviceable small red tanks for peak demand in the summer.

I have purchased B3C Ethanol Shield Fuel Additive to try over winter to see if it improves starting and reduces problems with the Ethanol in E5 petrol. The additive is to be dosed at about 1 - 2 ml to a litre of petrol into the metal jerry cans on new purchase of E5 petrol.

Any queries contact Malcolm Payton, Bosun

Membership Renewal

Just a heads up that membership renewals will be due from 1st November, emails will be sent in the next couple of weeks and a reminder will be put on the clubs Facebook page. If anyone is intending to resign their memberships could they please let me know as soon as possible please.

Many thanks

Lorraine Lee (FOSSC Membership Secretary)

2021 End of Season Social & Prizegiving

This year we will have our end of season event on Saturday 27 November at the Anchor Inn, Epney. If you would like to attend, please email me at rhonwenbryce@yahoo.co.uk with your name and how many tickets you would like.

You can choose from their full menu and I'll ask for order confirmation a week beforehand, i.e. by 20 November. Pay on the night.

It will be a casual event, starting 7pm for 7.30pm

Anchor Inn website: <https://anchorinnepney.co.uk/>

Cheltenham Art Club En Plein Air at FOSSC

After a delay because of bad weather, August 12th brought a dry sunny day and twelve members of the Cheltenham Art Club finally visited FOSSC to spend the day sketching and painting our lake and settings around the village. This was one of their regular 'En Plein Air' sessions that take place throughout the summer.

Everyone enjoyed the experience, and I particularly liked the water colours by local artist Carolyn King:



Across Townfield Lake from near the Mirror Jetty



On the Green

The group raised £60 for the RNLI.

Tony Emery

FOR SALE
SOLO 4619



Speed Solo, moulded by Rondar.

Seldon Cumulus Mast, Holt Boom.

Milanes Foils.

2 x Speed Dacron Sails.

Mersea Combi trailer and trolley, 10" wheels and spare wheel. - Cover.

Very Good Club record. Good condition, ready to sail.

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Contact Ken Elsey 07971 961531 or ken.elsey@gmail.com

FOSSC Calendar of Events

Work Parties

To help you get dates in your diaries, the work parties for this year will be:

October	30	Work Party Cr-G
November	13	Work Party H-K

To find these on the club website, click on 'Events' on the menu at the top of the page, type 'work' into the search bar which appears, and click on 'find events.'